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Mexican Navy marines handle a bag allegedly containing explosives after raiding a home in Mexico City, Wednesday June 9, 2010. More than 44 pounds of explosives were found in a popular residential neighborhood after exchanging information with U.S. authorities, officials said.

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In this March 9, 2010 file photo, Washington Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg throws during the second inning of a spring training baseball game against the Detroit Tigers, in Viera, Fla.

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Oil from the Deepwater Horizon spill pools against the Louisiana coast along Barataria Bay Tuesday, June 8, 2010.

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Capturing more oil raises more questions

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Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest announcement on how much oil is being captured from the gushing BP oil well raised additional doubts Wednesday about

the validity of U.S. government estimates on how much crude actually has been spewing into Gulf waters.

Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, who is in charge of the spill response effort, said that BP was now capturing 630,000 gallons

a day and that the amount could nearly double by next week to roughly 1.17 million gallons. But the government's estimate of the total oil leaking has been 500,000 to 1 million gallons every day.

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Iran dismisses sanctions, but tried to avoid them

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UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.S. and its allies scored a long-sought victory Wednesday by pushing through new U.N. sanctions over Iran's nuclear program, punishments Tehran dismissed as "annoying flies, like a used tissue."

The sanctions target Iran's powerful Revolutionary Guard, ballistic missiles and nuclear-related investments. Oil exports, the lifeblood of Iran's economy, are not affected because targeting them would have cost the U.S. essential support from Russia and China.

President Barack Obama said the sanctions are the toughest Iran has ever faced. They required several months of difficult negotiations by the five veto-wielding permanent U.N. Security Council members — the U.S., Russia, China, Britain and France — and non-member Germany.

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The members of the U.N. Security Council vote on sanctions against Iran during a session Wednesday, June 9, 2010. The sanctions would ban Iran from pursuing "any activity related to ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons," bar Iranian investment in activities such as uranium mining and prohibit Iran from buying several categories of heavy weapons including attack helicopters and missiles.

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Women making uneven gains in politics globally



Meg Whitman, left, winner of the Republican nomination for governor of California, and Carly Fiorina, the GOP nominee for the U.S. Senate from California, celebrate at a post-primary election celebration in Anaheim, Calif., Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

ANN SANNER

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite female candidates' overwhelming success in U.S. primary elections, a

State Department official said Wednesday that women seeking government positions are making uneven gains across the globe.

Melanne Verveer, U.S.

ambassador-at-large for global women's issues, told a House of Representatives subcommittee that despite comprising half the world's population, women hold fewer

Associated Press

than one-fifth of positions in national governments.

"All too often, important decisions that affect women, their families and their societies are made without their ever having a voice," Verveer said. Verveer said women have made inroads at the local level, particularly in India, where they are about 40 percent of all elected representatives in villages and municipal councils. She also noted successes in Kuwait, where four women were elected to parliament last year, a first in the Arab country. Women in Kuwait have had the right to vote and run for office since 2005. Quotas within Iraq and Afghanistan's constitutions have helped pave the way for female politicians in those violent countries, Verveer said. But the gains are fragile, she said, as women face threats and have to put their lives on the line to visit their constituents. The political improvements

have to be nurtured "or women will risk seeing them erased or eroded," she said. Women won Senate nominations in four states in Tuesday's primary elections in 12 U.S. states, outright nominations for governor in two states, and a commanding edge for a gubernatorial nomination in a third state. Democratic Rep. Lynn Woosley said women still have a way to go in the United States, where they hold about one-sixth of the seats in the House and the Senate.

Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, a Republican, noted the progress that women made in his state, California, with Meg Whitman and Carly Fiorina winning the Republican nominations for governor and Senate. California's two senators are women, both Democrats; Sen. Barbara Boxer was renominated in the Democratic primary Tuesday. "I don't think that would have happened 20 years ago," Rohrabacher said. □



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Utah judge denies motion for condemned inmate

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Lawyers for a death row inmate scheduled for execution by a firing squad on June 18 failed Wednesday to persuade a federal judge to block a commutation hearing because the process is riddled with conflict.

The emergency hearing in U.S. District Court came hours after attorneys for Ronnie Lee Gardner argued an appeal of the case before the Utah Supreme Court — asking justices to vacate Gardner's death sentence.

It's unclear when the state's high court will rule.

But the federal court's Chief Judge Tena Campbell said Gardner failed to prove he could not get a "fair and impartial hearing" before Utah's Board of Pardons and Parole.

A two-day hearing before

the board is set to begin on Thursday.

In court papers filed in U.S. District Court late Tuesday, attorney Andrew Parnes argued that the board's process was tainted because lawyers that represent the board work for the Utah attorney general's office — the same entity that sought Gardner's death warrant. Those state attorneys will also argue against the board commuting Gardner's death sentence to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

A third set of attorneys from the same office also advise the Utah Department of Corrections, Parnes said.

Parnes had asked Campbell to delay the commutation process and order the attorney general's office to resolve the conflict.

But Campbell said it appeared

the attorney general's system that established a "firewall" between different branches of the office seemed sufficient.

Earlier Wednesday, Gardner's lawyers asked the Utah Supreme Court to vacate his death sentence and send the case back to state court for a new sentencing hearing. They contend that mitigating evidence developed for Gardner's federal appeal should be heard in state court. Gardner's attorneys said the court also could reduce Gardner's sentence to life in prison.

State attorneys argue Gardner's appeal has come too late.



In this April 23, 2010 file photo, Ronnie Lee Gardner appears before Judge Robin Reese at the Matheson Courthouse in Salt Lake City, where Gardner's execution date was set. Gardner, a 49-year-old convicted killer, is set to be executed on June 18, 2010 by a team of anonymous marksmen firing with a matched set of .30-caliber rifles. He is to be the third person executed by firing squad in Utah, or anywhere else in the U.S., since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976.

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Gardner, 49, was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death for the 1985 fatal shooting of Michael Burdell during a botched escape

attempt at the old Salt Lake City courthouse.

He chose a five-man firing squad over lethal injection as the method of execution. □

U.S. court OKs evidence gathered on tribal land

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SANTA FE, New Mexico (AP) — State law enforcement officers can enter tribal lands to investigate crimes committed off-reservation by Native Americans, a state court has ruled.

The unanimous decision by the New Mexico Supreme Court on Tuesday carved out an exception to long-standing legal doctrine in the Southwestern state that non-tribal law enforcement officers have no authority over tribal members on tribal lands.

The court affirmed the drunken driving conviction of David Harrison, a member of the Navajo Nation, and allowed the use of drunken-driving evidence gathered on the reservation by a non-tribal law enforcement officer.

The Navajo Nation and Santa Ana Pueblo had submitted written arguments in the case, saying that tribal sovereignty would be damaged if the drunken-driving conviction was affirmed. The Navajos Nation, which covers about 25,000 square miles (64,750 sq. kilometers) in New Mexico, Arizona and Utah, is the largest tribal reservation in the United States. □



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Obama calls for new approach on Gaza blockade



President Barack Obama shakes hands with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, Wednesday, June 9, 2010, in the Oval Office at the White House in Washington.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama is advocating sharply limiting Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip in the aftermath of the botched Israeli naval raid that is straining U.S. and Israeli relations with allies around the world. "The situation in Gaza is unsustainable," Obama said Wednesday as he met with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the Oval Office. He said the attention of the world is on the problem because of the "tragedy" of the Israeli raid that killed nine people trying to bring in supplies. Obama said Israel's broad

blockade on goods entering Gaza should be narrowed so that arms are kept out, but not items needed for the Palestinians' daily life and economic development. In connection with Abbas' visit, the White House announced a \$400 million aid package for Gaza and the West Bank. A State Department spokesman, P.J. Crowley, said the money represented specific allocations that already had been budgeted for the Palestinians, some of it fulfilling a \$900 million commitment Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton made last year. Projects announced

Wednesday included \$240 million for mortgage assistance in the West Bank and \$10 million to build five new schools in Gaza. Construction goods are among items forbidden for delivery to the Gaza Strip by the Israelis. They contend the Palestinian enclave's militant Hamas leaders would use the supplies for facilities that could strengthen Hamas' military capabilities. "The key here is making sure that Israel's security needs are met, but that the needs of people in Gaza are also met," said Obama.

"So if we can get a new conceptual framework ... it seems to me that we should be able to take what has been a tragedy and turn it into an opportunity to create a situation where lives in Gaza are actually, directly improved."

The approach marked a shift although it stopped well short of meeting international calls for an end to the 3-year-old blockade, which Israel says is needed to keep arms away from the Hamas movement that controls Gaza. Critics

say the blockade is ineffective and causes undue suffering. Obama said the United States would discuss the new approach with European leaders, Egypt, Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Abbas welcomed the \$400 million aid package, which will go for things like creating jobs and improving access to drinking water, but called for going farther on the blockade. "We also see the need to lift the Israeli siege of the Palestinian people, the need to open all the crossings and the need to let building material and humanitarian material and all the necessities go into the Palestinian people," said Abbas, whose actual influence over Gaza is slight, since his forces were routed when Hamas took over the area in 2007. He and his more moderate Fatah movement lead the West Bank, the other Palestinian territory in Israel. Israel's ambassador to the U.S., Michael Oren, said Israel was open to suggestions that would address the needs of the Palestinian people along with Israel's security requirements,

but he defended the blockade as "essential for not only Israel's security, Egypt's security, but it's essential for the peace process."

Oren bridled at the notion of letting through goods such as building materials.

"We know that Hamas is going to take these materials and not use them to build schools, they're going to use them to build military bunkers. So we are reluctant to let those things through," Oren said in an interview with The Associated Press. Wednesday's meeting between Obama and Abbas came as Israel announced it would allow potato chips, cookies, spices and other previously banned food items into the Gaza Strip, a step Oren said was meant in a spirit of cooperation. Critics denounced the move as insignificant, and a Hamas spokesman, Sami Abu Zuhri, said the gesture was not worth commenting on.

"Yes, we have allowed some chocolate and other snacks through today, but Hamas has rejected them," Oren said. "They rejected our chocolate."

It's been a little more than a week since Israel's deadly May 31 raid on a flotilla hoping to break the blockade on Gaza. Nine men in the flotilla were killed, including eight Turks and a Turkish American. Israel says its soldiers opened fire only after being attacked while the flotilla activists accuse Israel of using unnecessary violence.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had been scheduled to visit the White House June 1 but canceled the visit to deal with the crisis. His visit is being rescheduled, and White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said Wednesday it could happen by the end of this month. □



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OIL QUESTIONS

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Allen said he expects a fresh analysis of the flow rate to produce more accurate estimates on how much oil is being released.

The inability to pin down how much oil is gushing from the BP well a mile beneath the water's surface has stymied government officials almost from the day of the accident April 20. "I'm not going to declare victory on anything until I have absolute numbers," said Allen on Wednesday.

At a Senate hearing, meanwhile, Interior Department officials — like Allen — expressed confidence that more precise numbers on the flow rate will be available from a special task force of scientists, which is nearing completion of a review of earlier flow data and has been provided new high-resolution video. "We expect to have a much better estimate (of oil flow) very soon," Deputy Interior Secretary David Hayes told senators at a hearing by the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

The task force earlier estimated that 500,000 to 1 million gallons (1.8 to 3.9 million liters) a day are flowing from the broken wellhead, but Hayes said those numbers assume "a lot of uncertainty." Some independent scientists long have said the flow is almost certain to be higher.

Meanwhile, Allen acknowledged that the amount of oil now being captured is close to exceeding the capacity of the processing ship that is on site. But he said a second vessel, where oil can be both stored and flared, is expected to be available soon. And an even larger vessel from the North Sea also is heading to the oil spill site.

With oil expecting to gush for another two months, Allen said he wants a long-term containment strategy from BP "with built in redundancies" that would taken into account new risks posed by the upcoming hurricane season.

He said a 1,000-foot-long (305 meters) vessel being brought in from the North Sea is similar to a production platform that can "lock into position" of the water surface and provide greater stability as it processes oil flowing

from the damaged wellhead. Allen also noted that he and other officials are meeting with BP later Wednesday to discuss problems with the handling of damage claims related to the April 20 accident. He said claims brought by individuals for loss of business as a result of oil contamination "sometimes (is) hard to get a handle on" but that he will discuss the issue with BP officials to try to speed up the process. Some senators, meanwhile, expressed concern over the

impact the response to the spill will have on oil development, particularly the six-month moratorium the Obama administration has imposed on deep-water drilling. Testifying before the Senate energy panel, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, when pressed by Sen. Mary Landrieu, a Louisiana Democrat, promised to ask BP to compensate energy companies for losses if they have to lay off workers or suffer economically because of the moratorium. □



In this Monday, June 7, 2010 photo, APTN photographer Rich Matthews takes a closer look at oil from the Deepwater Horizon spill, in the Gulf of Mexico south of Venice, La..

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Iran's United Nations Ambassador Mohammad Khazaei listens to discussions after the United Nations Security Council voted on sanctions against Iran, Wednesday, June 9, 2010. The U.N. Security Council approved new sanctions against Iran over its suspect nuclear program. The sanctions target the country's powerful Revolutionary Guard, ballistic missiles, and nuclear-related investments. The resolution imposing a fourth round of sanctions against Iran was approved Wednesday with 12 "yes" votes, two "no" votes from Brazil and Turkey, and one abstention from Lebanon.

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IRAN SANCTION

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This is the fourth round of sanctions aimed at getting Iran into serious discussions on its nuclear ambitions.

"Actions do have consequences, and today the Iranian government will face some of those consequences," Obama said. He left the door open to diplomacy but said Iran "will find itself more isolated, less prosperous and less secure" unless it meets its obligations under the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, on an official visit in Tajikistan, dismissed the new resolution.

"From right and from left, they adopt sanctions, but for us they are annoying flies, like a used tissue," he said.

Tehran insists its program is peaceful and aimed at producing nuclear energy. The U.S. and its allies say Iran is trying to produce nuclear weapons; they want Iran to suspend uranium enrichment and start negotiations aimed at ensuring that it uses nuclear technology only for peaceful purposes.

The new resolution bans Iran from pursuing "any activity related to ballistic missiles capable of delivering nuclear weapons," bars Iranian investment in activities such as uranium mining and prohibits Iran from buying several categories of heavy weapons including attack helicopters and missiles. Iran, however, already has most of what it would need to make a weapon.

Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Saeed Jalili, warned that "choosing the option of confrontation will bring Iran's resolute response." He did not say what that is.

"The path of confrontation with the rights of nations is a dead-end road and will be costly and at the same time useless for those pursuing it," Iran's official news agency quoted Jalili as saying.

Iran's U.N. Ambassador Mohammad Khazaei accused the United States, Britain and their allies of abusing the Security Council to attack Iran.

"No amount of pressure and mischief will be able to break our nation's determination to pursue and defend its legal and inalienable rights," Khazaei said.

"Iran is one of the most powerful and stable countries in the region and never bowed — and will never bow — to the hostile actions and pressures by these few powers and will continue to defend its rights." U.S. Ambassador Susan Rice dismissed Khazaei's statement as "ridiculous" and "reprehensible" and declared that "these sanctions are as tough as they are smart and precise."

The resolution was approved by a vote of 12-2 with Lebanon abstaining and Brazil and Turkey voting "no." Turkey and Brazil, both non-permanent council

members, brokered a fuel-swap agreement with Iran that they offered as an alternative solution to concerns Tehran may be enriching uranium for nuclear weapons.

The sanctions put Iran in the unusual position of bashing key allies China and Russia. Both countries voted for the resolution and either could have vetoed it. Ahmadinejad warned Russian leaders last month "to correct themselves, and not let the Iranian nation consider them among its enemies."

In Moscow, the Itar-Tass news agency reported that Ahmadinejad will not take part in the summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Uzbekistan beginning Thursday. The group was created in 2001 to address religious extremism and border security in Central Asia, and has grown into a bloc aimed at defying U.S. interests in the region.

Ahmadinejad is scheduled to tour the World Expo in Shanghai this week, but is not expected to hold talks with senior Chinese leaders.

Iran holds more leverage over China, which needs Iran's oil and gas to feed its growing energy appetite, than it does over Russia, which has long provided important technology to Iran including building the country's first nuclear reactor. The facility is expected to begin electricity production this summer.

The Security Council imposed limited sanctions in December 2006 and has been ratcheting them up in hopes of pressuring Iran to suspend enrichment and start negotiations on its nuclear program. Iran has repeatedly defied the demand and has stepped up its activities, enriching uranium to 20 percent and announcing plans to build new nuclear facilities. □

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Pro-business party leads in Dutch election

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AMSTERDAM (AP) — An anti-Islam party notched large gains in Dutch elections on Wednesday, but a contest between the two largest parties on the right and left remained too close to call.

With 91 percent of votes counted, the pro-business VVD party led Labor by 31 seats to 30 in the 150-seat parliament, a result that spelled weeks and possibly months of haggling to fashion a ruling coalition among parties deeply split on immigration and how to curb government spending.

The anti-Islam Freedom Party of Geert Wilders scored its best-ever finish with 24 seats. The governing Christian Democrats suffered a humiliating defeat with 21 seats — nearly half its current strength — and Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende told supporters he was leaving politics. Balkenende, who has led the government for eight years, will remain caretaker premier until a new cabinet is installed.

The race was so tight that party leaders canceled their traditional postelection debate, saying they couldn't discuss the results until they were sure what they were. Returns

from the 12 million eligible voters were expected through the night, and the official results won't be declared until June 15, when all votes from overseas have also been counted.

Neither party will be able to form a government without major compromises on ideology. "It's very exciting. But the real result is still to come, and it could go either way," said Labor Party leader Job Cohen, the former mayor of Amsterdam who is vying to become prime minister.

The most likely outcome appears to be a centrist coalition with VVD and Labor combining with two smaller parties on the left, the Green-Left and Democrats-66.

In some scenarios Wilders and his Freedom Party could play a role, but his polarizing stances have made him unsavory to other parties. He is under hate speech prosecution for comparing Islam to Naziism and calling for a ban on the Quran.

Wilders enjoyed a surge of popularity last year with a program that included a tax on headscarves worn by Muslim women. But his popularity faded slightly ahead of the elections as attention shifted to the European financial crisis and the country's deficit, now

predicted to run at 6.3 percent of GDP this year.

Wilders said he was willing to accept compromises in order to enter a Cabinet.

Other parties may try "to shove us aside, but we must be taken seriously," Wilders said, noting that his party had booked the largest gains.

Altogether, 10 parties will be represented in parliament.

The results were a stunning departure from pre-election polls, which had showed for weeks Mark Rutte's VVD party holding a commanding lead and Labor a distant second.

Though the VVD didn't do quite as well as expected, it added nine seats and Rutte proclaimed it "a splendid victory."

"I won't let anything get me down," he told cheering supporters.

The VVD has pledged to slash the deficit by cutting government spending and welfare programs. Labor has criticized the program as harmful to the poor.

Labor wants to preserve government social programs, raise taxes on the wealthy and make it easier for immigrants to integrate rather than punishing those that fail.

Cohen resigned as Amsterdam mayor in March to lead his



Conservative VVD party leader Mark Rutte, gestures as he addresses his supporters on election night in The Hague, Netherlands, Wednesday June 9, 2010. Exit polls in Dutch elections Wednesday showed the pro-business VVD party and Labor finished on top in a dead heat, dealing a blow to the ruling Christian Democrats and giving an anti-Islam party its best showing ever. The projections showed the two largest parties each winning 31 seats in the 150-seat parliament.

Associated Press

then-flagging party in the campaign.

The preliminary returns were compiled and released by Dutch news agency ANP.

The election was precipitated by Balkenende's center-right coalition collapse in February over the Labor Party's refusal to extend the Dutch military mission in Afghanistan. Afghanistan has barely been mentioned in the campaign, which instead focused on traditional issues of immigration and the economy.

"This country spends too much. For a lot of people it's better to collect social security than to work," said Willem Bosma, 32, a civil servant and VVD supporter casting his vote in Amsterdam's main train station.

Although not as outspoken against immigration as Wilders, Rutte has also argued that immigrants who cannot contribute to the Dutch economy should not be allowed to come, and he would ban them from receiving welfare for 10 years after arrival. □



In this photo released by the civil police, Jose Agostinho Pereira is seen at a police station in Maranhao state, Brazil, Wednesday, June 9, 2010. According to police, Pereira kept his daughter imprisoned for 12 years in a remote fishing village, raped her repeatedly and had seven children with her. Police allege that Pereira, 54, kept his daughter, now 28, under virtual house arrest in a two-room, thatched-roof hut near a tiny fishing village in northeastern Brazil.

BRADLEY BROOKS

Associated Press Writer

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — A man in a remote fishing village in Brazil kept his daughter imprisoned for 12 years, raped

her repeatedly and had seven children with her, police said Wednesday.

The man is also accused of abusing a young girl he had with his daughter. Police allege

Brazil: Man jails daughter, has seven children with her

that Jose Agostinho Pereira, 54, kept his daughter, now 28, under virtual house arrest in a two-room, thatched-roof hut near a tiny fishing village in northeastern Brazil.

An officer who aided in the arrest said the home was located in such a remote, jungle area that the only way to reach it was by using canoes. Authorities said the children appeared to suffer from malnutrition and could barely communicate with others. Most were unclothed.

The alleged abuse began when Pereira's wife left him in 1998, said police inspector Jair Lima de Paiva. Pereira has been in jail since Tuesday in the city of Pinheiro in Maranhao state,

about 1,400 miles north of Rio de Janeiro. Charges have not been filed against him. Under Brazilian law, prosecutors only file charges after police have ended their investigation.

It was not immediately known if Pereira had a lawyer.

Paiva said Pereira kept his daughter and the children in nearly complete isolation in the countryside near the village of Experimento, about 50 miles outside of Pinheiro. While the exact ages of the children — four girls and three boys — were not known as none of their births were registered, police believe they range in age from 2-months-old to 12. "None of them were allowed to leave

the house. None can read, they can barely communicate with other people," said Paiva. "They were all threatened with their lives if they tried to escape or tell anyone about the situation." Paiva said police were tipped off about Pereira's alleged crimes by an anonymous phone call. Officers from Pinheiro were sent to the remote area about 10 days ago, where they located Pereira's house, kept it under observation for a few days and then arrested him. "He confessed to everything," said a police officer who helped arrest Pereira, speaking on condition of anonymity, as he was not authorized to discuss the case. □

Afghan ex-spy boss opposes talking to Taliban



Afghanistan's former intelligence chief, Amrullah Saleh listens to a question during an interview with The Associated Press in Kabul, Afghanistan on Wednesday, June 9, 2010. Afghanistan's former intelligence chief is warning that President Hamid Karzai's strategy of seeking reconciliation with the Taliban is dangerous for the country.

MATTHEW PENNINGTON
Associated Press Writers

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghanistan's ousted intelligence chief told The Associated Press on Wednesday that President Hamid Karzai is pursuing a dangerous strategy in seeking peace with the Taliban because the insurgents are giving nothing in return. Amrullah Saleh said the Taliban have only responded to Karzai's conciliatory approach with "violence, destruction and intimidation."

Hours later, an explosion in southern Afghanistan killed 39 people and wounded dozens. It followed the downing of a NATO helicopter by the Taliban, which killed four

American servicemen.

Speaking at his heavily secured Kabul home, Saleh said he did not want "a small terrorist group to dominate the political scene in Afghanistan."

"I am in favor of peace but I am against bowing to the Taliban," he said.

He also voiced concern over the Afghan leader's plan to free militant prisoners without prior screening by the National Directorate of Security which he led for six years, acting as the key partner of the CIA.

Saleh and Interior Minister Hanif Atmar — who was in charge of police — resigned Sunday after Karzai held them responsible for failing to prevent a militant attack last week on a national conference,

or jirga, on how to reach peace with insurgents. Both men were highly regarded by Western officials.

Saleh's comments reflect deep unease among former figures in the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance, who have long been allied to Karzai but oppose his efforts to negotiate with Taliban leaders. The Taliban have demanded that NATO and U.S. forces withdraw before any talks.

Nearly nine years after the Northern Alliance, backed by the U.S., forced the Taliban regime from power, the Islamist movement has bounced back. Violence is at record levels despite an increase in U.S. forces aimed at turning the war around.

The blast Wednesday night ripped through a wedding party in Kandahar province, killing 39 people and wounding more than 70, according to the provincial executive director Mohammad Annus. The cause was not known. "We don't know if it was a suicide attack, or a bombardment or something else," Annus said.

At least 17 U.S. service members have been killed in the past four days, including the four Americans who died Wednesday when insurgents in southern Helmand province's Sangin district — one of the most volatile in the country — shot down a NATO helicopter.

The Taliban claimed

responsibility, with spokesman Qari Yousef Ahmadi saying militants hit the aircraft with two rockets.

NATO said the four died "after their helicopter was brought down by hostile fire." U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. Joseph T. Breasseale confirmed they were Americans, but declined to give more details. Also Wednesday, another NATO service member died in a homemade bomb attack. The Ministry of Defense in London said he was British. A total of 29 NATO troops have been killed this month, including 10 on Monday alone — seven of them Americans. It was the deadliest day for the military alliance in seven months.

During the interview, Saleh described Pakistan as "enemy No. 1" for its alleged support of the Taliban and hosting of some of its leaders, including the movement's founder and supreme chief Mullah Mohammad Omar. Pakistan denies harboring militants and arrested the Taliban's No. 2 figure in Karachi earlier this year.

Saleh said Karzai shared this tough view of Pakistan but was now taking a "softer" approach as he tried to reconcile with the Taliban.

Analysts say the removal of Saleh and Interior Minister Atmar — two of Karzai's top three security officials — could cause upheaval in their agencies.

While Saleh maintained his resignation was not forced, he said the president's acceptance of it "was not a surprise."

Saleh said Karzai had "pushed aside and did not pay attention to" information presented to him about security measures surrounding last week's jirga in Kabul.

"Professionally, that was an insult to us," Saleh said.

None of the jirga's 1,500 delegates — including lawmakers, tribal and provincial chiefs — was hurt in the assault. The two attackers were killed in a gun battle with security forces about a mile from the venue, and those behind the attack — allegedly members of the Pakistan-based Haqqani network — were arrested.

In Pakistan on Wednesday, militants attacked dozens of trucks ferrying vehicles for NATO troops in Afghanistan. The bold assault near the capital, Islamabad, killed seven people and illustrated the vulnerability of a crucial U.S. military supply line.

The U.S. Embassy said about 30 trucks were damaged after they were set on fire on the main road leading to the Afghan border, about six miles (10 kilometers) from the capital. Many of the containers held military vehicles such as Humvees.

Keeping up a steady flow of supplies is crucial for NATO as it readies a major operation in the Taliban's heartland in Kandahar province — which lies next to Helmand, where the helicopter was shot down. The operation is a key plank of the military strategy behind President Barack Obama's effort to end the Afghan war. Last December he ordered some 30,000 more U.S. troops to the country, and he wants to start bringing them home in July 2011.

Also key to that strategy is the effort to negotiate with the Taliban — a goal pushed by Karzai with increasing vigor since his re-election last year — although the U.S. is skeptical whether peace can succeed unless the Taliban are first weakened on the battlefield.

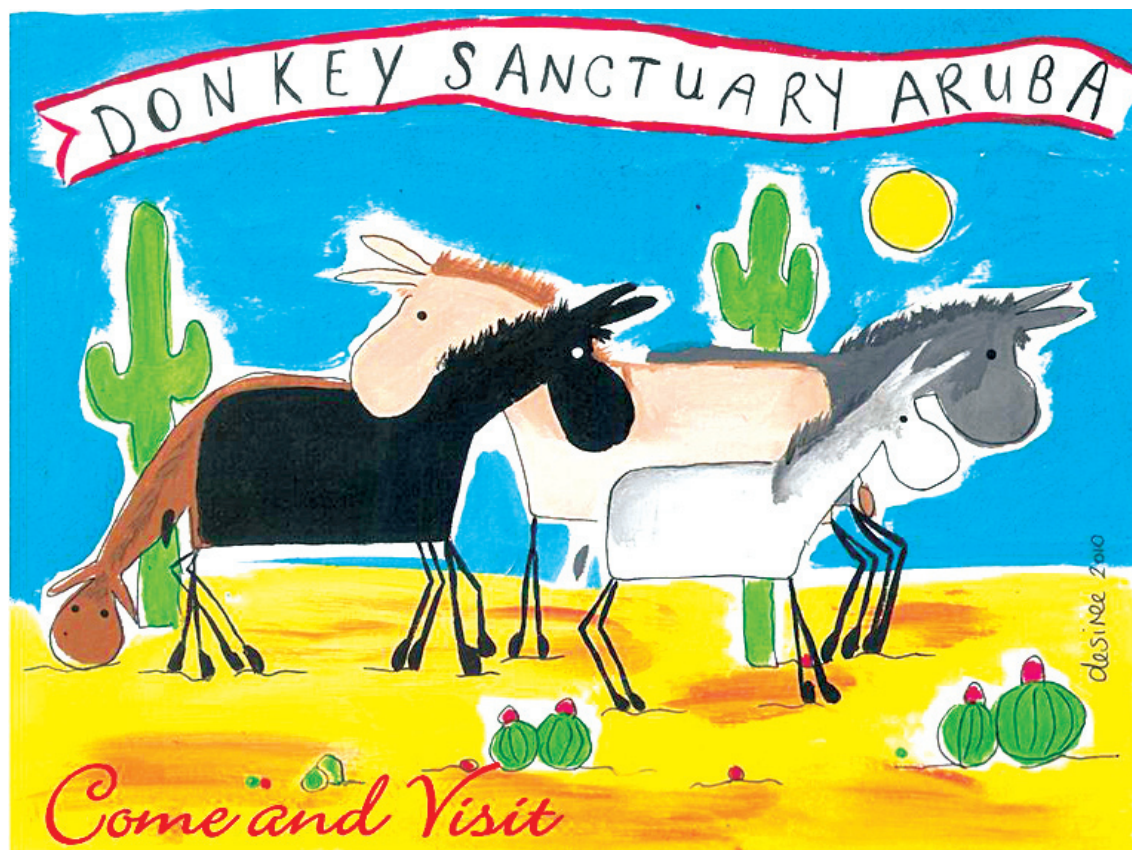
Karzai won endorsement from the jirga for his plan to offer incentives to the militants to lay down their arms and to seek talks with the Taliban leadership.

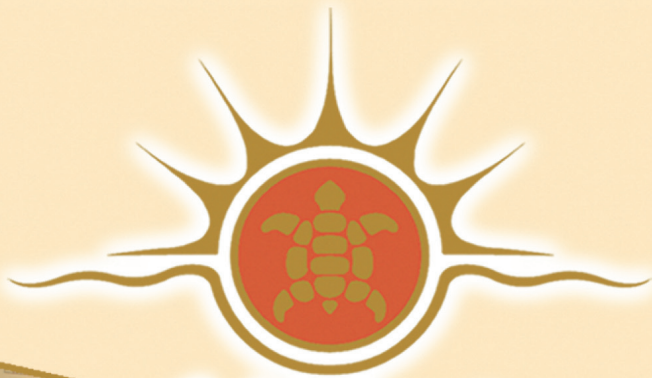
Saleh, who fought the Taliban regime with the Northern Alliance before its ouster in late 2001, voiced deep skepticism over the jirga, and said his relations with Karzai had been strained for several months.

"I have all along been advocating for a tougher stand against the criminals and the Taliban and demanding firmer justice," he said.

Asked if Karzai's reconciliation strategy was dangerous for the country, he said: "This one-sided peace? Yes."

He said it would cause "ambiguity and confusion in the government." □





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U.S. tip leads Mexican navy to explosives in capital

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Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY (AP)

— Mexico's navy seized 45 pounds of powerful explosives Wednesday in a bohemian residential neighborhood in the capital after exchanging information with U.S. authorities.

Four Mexicans suspected of links to organized crime were being questioned after a pre-dawn raid on a hostel in Mexico City's Roma neighborhood, the navy said in a statement.

Officials said the explosives are the type used in demolition that can be applied directly to structures and have enough force to break apart metal.

Investigators declined to say whether the explosives are linked to drug traffickers, but federal authorities have said they recently intercepted communications that reveal cartel gunmen are seeking explosives for attacks, possibly on buildings or along roads.

The discovery of the explosives suggests that

cartel violence could be inching closer to Mexico City, which has avoided most of the drug-related violence that has claimed nearly 23,000 lives since President Felipe Calderon launched an offensive against traffickers in late 2006.

The hostel is several blocks away from city police headquarters, target of a failed 2008 plot to bomb a Mexico City police commander that was traced to Sinaloa state, apparently in retribution for a series of weapons seizures and arrests. A person carrying the bomb died in the attack. A high-ranking marine at the scene Wednesday said that a man from the neighboring state of Hidalgo rented a room at the hostel and left the explosives, but that there was no evidence about their intended use. He declined to speak for attribution because of the ongoing investigation.

The explosives were found near the back of a three-story hostel that charges about \$44 a week for



Members of Mexico City's rapid response tactical unit handle a bag reportedly containing explosives after raiding a home in Mexico City, Wednesday June 9, 2010. More than 44 pounds of explosives were found in a popular residential neighborhood after exchanging information with U.S. authorities, officials said.

individual rooms.

A queen-sized bed barely fit inside the room where marines found an orange duffel with a bottle of nitroglycerin inside. Another bag contained a small barrel with jumper cables on top, while a shelf held four plastic bottles with liquid, a small kitchen scale, several latex gloves in a plastic bag, two walkie-

talkies and a phone.

Gilberto Bernal, a security guard who works near the hostel, said the block is relatively calm, except for Friday nights, when people flock to a disco across the street.

It is unclear which U.S. agency the Mexican Navy was working with. Navy spokeswoman Lt. Cindy Espinosa said she could not

release further information.

Also Wednesday, eight drug traffickers with ties to the Beltran Leyva cartel were killed after attacking marines in the nearby state of Colima.

Five marines were injured, with one in critical condition, the navy said in a statement. Several grenades and high-powered weapons were confiscated. □

Review: 'A-Team' is flat-out fun



In this publicity image released by 20th Century Fox, Bradley Cooper, left, and Liam Neeson are shown in a scene from, 'The A-Team.'

(AP Photo/20th Century Fox, Doug Curran)

By CHRISTY LEMIRE,
AP Movie Critic

"Overkill is underrated," says Hannibal Smith, leader of "The A-Team," while planning a particularly elaborate and explosive scheme to trap a bad guy.

Director and co-writer Joe Carnahan apparently subscribes to this school of thought, as well.

If you're looking for subtlety, look elsewhere. Carnahan's big-screen version of the '80s TV series is ridiculously over-the-top, full of wild helicopter chases and exploding sport utility vehicles and tumbling cargo containers. At times it feels like little more than a cacophony of automatic gunfire and shattered glass.

Then again, you shouldn't really expect anything else given the source material and the director's own filmography. Carnahan previously wrote and directed "Smokin' Aces" from 2007, a piece of wannabe Guy Ritchie bombast about a Vegas assassination attempt — but he also made the tremendous and little-seen drama "Narc" from 2002, starring Ray Liotta and Jason Patric as Detroit cops. "The A-Team" combines the enormity and stylishness of the former with (some of) the intelligence and character development of the latter — a surprising amount, given the time of year it's hitting theaters. But mainly it's just flat-out fun, with a cheeky sense of humor — way more

enjoyable than you might expect when you consider the ignominious history of movies inspired by TV shows. ("Leave It to Beaver," anyone?)

Carnahan keeps things moving, making the two-hour running time fly by.

The film's fluid editing is especially noticeable during the big setpieces — impossibly complex, intricately timed missions that the team makes look easy.

The strength of the cast helps: Liam Neeson as Hannibal, the team's cigar-chomping mastermind, whom George Peppard played on television; Bradley Cooper, an ideal choice to step into the Dirk Benedict role as charmer Templeton "Face" Peck; and "District 9" star Sharlto Copley bringing equal amounts of humor and danger to the role of "Howlin' Mad" Murdock. Even mixed martial arts star Quinton "Rampage" Jackson offers a solid presence, filling the intimidating shoes of Mr. T to play B.A. Baracus. One would, in theory, pity the fool asked to do that; Jackson does just fine in his first film role.

The basic details are the same, though the period has shifted to the present day; having said that, it's also a bit of a prequel to the show's adventures. Instead of being Vietnam veterans, they're in the final

days of troop withdrawal from Iraq in the script Carnahan co-wrote with Brian Bloom, who has a small but pivotal supporting part.

Still, Hannibal, Face, Murdock and B.A. are former Army Rangers framed for a crime they didn't commit; "The A-Team" follows their efforts to clear their names and find the real culprits behind a botched attempt at stealing back some U.S. currency plates. Jessica Biel is all business as the Army captain who chases them once they escape and go on the run, and Patrick Wilson's pretty-boy looks make him ideally smarmy as the CIA operative with mysterious motives and allegiances.

While several of the action sequences flow beautifully and have a great energy about them, others look fake and cheesy, with distractingly cartoony special effects. Still, the pyrotechnics should please the guys in the audience looking for mindless summer fun. And for the women ... Cooper has his shirt off early and often. And he's clearly been to the gym.

"The A-Team," a 20th Century Fox release, is rated PG-13 for intense sequences of action and violence throughout, language and smoking. Running time: 118 minutes. Three stars out of four. □



FILE - In this June 3, 2010 file photo, honoree, singer Ricky Martin arrives to be honored for his constant advocacy for the health and welfare of children around the globe, at amfAR's 'New York Inspiration Gala' celebrating Men's style at The New York Public Library in New York.

(AP Photo/Evan Agostini, file)

Ricky Martin livin' Evita loca on Broadway in '12

NEW YORK — Ricky Martin is heading to Argentina by way of "Evita" on Broadway. In the first new Broadway production of the Tony Award-winning musical since its 1979 New York debut, Martin will play the character Che.

"I've been blessed with the opportunity to perform on many of the world's largest concert stages, but I've never lost my love for the intimacy of the theater," Martin said in a statement Wednesday.

The show's producers also announced that Argentine actress Elena Roger will star as Evita, a role she played on the London stage in 2006 to critical acclaim. The Tim Rice-Andrew Lloyd Webber musical dramatizes the life of Eva Peron, Argentina's glamorous and controversial first lady.

The revival of "Evita" is scheduled to open in spring 2012. Michael Grandage will direct, with choreography by Rob Ashford. □

Larry King's wife recovering from apparent OD

PROVO, Utah — A spokesman for Larry King said Wednesday that the talk-show host's wife is recovering after an apparent prescription drug overdose last month in Utah.

Emergency medical workers were called to Shawn King's home in Provo on May 28.

Her father dialed 911 after finding the 50-year-old woman in her bed, breathing but not responding when he tried to wake her, according to a transcript of the emergency call, which was released through an open-records request Wednesday.

Karl Engemann told the dispatcher that he thought she may have taken too much medication for anxiety or depression, but he did not suspect it was a suicide attempt.

Officers who responded to the call

found several prescription bottles, including Ambien and anti-anxiety medication, that had been filled within 10 days but were empty, according to a police report. It also said there was a handwritten note that indicated she had taken the pills intentionally.

Another note expressed Shawn King's desire to be buried in Utah, police said.

The report did not include any mention of why Shawn King wanted to harm herself.

The Kings filed for divorce in April, but Larry King released a statement through his spokesman, Howard Rubenstein, saying "reports that we have fought are absolutely false."

Shawn King is Larry's seventh wife. The couple has been married since 1997 and has two sons. □



FILE - In this April 18, 2007 file photo, Larry King and his wife Shawn arrive to a party held by CNN celebrating King's fifty years of broadcasting, New York.

(AP Photo/Stuart Ramson, file)

BUSINESS

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Bernanke says recovery on track despite headwinds



Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, June 9, 2010, before the House Budget Committee about the progress of the recovering economy.

(AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite)

By JEANNINE AVERSA,
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — The European debt crisis is likely to have only a “modest” impact on the U.S. economic recovery as long as Wall Street stabilizes, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress on Wednesday. Testifying before the House Budget Committee, Bernanke struck a more confident tone that the recovery will remain intact despite problems in Europe as well stubbornly high unemployment and a fragile housing market here at home.

“The economy ... appears to be on track to continue to expand through this year and next,” Bernanke said.

However, the pace of the expansion — 3.5 percent this year by the Fed’s estimate — won’t be strong enough to quickly bring relief to the 15 million Americans who are unemployed. The unemployment rate now at 9.7 percent would likely see only a “slow reduction,” Bernanke warned.

Fears have grown in recent weeks that the recovery could be derailed.

One worry is if Europe’s debt crisis turns into a broader financial contagion, crimping lending in the United States

and around the globe. The situation has spooked investors, sending Wall Street into periodic nosedives.

Another worry is that hiring in the United States by private companies could stall.

That fear was stoked by a government report last Friday, showing that job creation at private companies in May slowed sharply, with businesses adding only 41,000 new jobs, the fewest since the start of the year.

However, Bernanke said signals suggest that the economy will keep on plodding ahead as massive government stimulus fades. Consumers and businesses have picked up the baton from the government and are spending sufficiently to keep the recovery on track, he said. Still, spending by consumers is much more subdued than in the early stages of past economic recoveries. That’s why economic growth is expected to be only modest this year, rather than blistering.

“It appears ... that the recovery has made an important transition,” Bernanke told lawmakers.

While it can’t be entirely ruled out that the country could slide back into a “double dip” recession, Bernanke predicted that the “economy

will continue to recover at a moderate pace.”

Channeling the anxiety many ordinary people feel about the recovery, the panel’s chairman, Rep. John Spratt, D-S.C., said: “Too many Americans continue to feel the effects of this recession and wonder when ... relief is going to come.”

Discussing the European crisis, Bernanke also struck a confident tone that the United States would get through the fallout without much damage. “If markets continue to stabilize, then the effects of the crisis on economic growth in the United States seem likely to be modest,” Bernanke said. Stock portfolios are taking a hit from a rattled Wall Street and weaker economic prospects in Europe probably will sap demand for U.S. exports.

Although such negative forces “will leave some imprint on the U.S. economy,” Bernanke said there are other more positive forces that will help out the United States. They include low mortgage rates as investors flock to the safety of U.S. Treasuries, and lower prices for oil and other globally traded commodities, Bernanke said.

The Fed has pledged to hold rates at record lows to nurture the recovery. Many economists believe the Fed will hold rates near zero when it meets next on June 22-23. And, economists viewed Bernanke’s remarks on Wednesday as bolstering their beliefs that the Fed won’t start to boost rates until next year — or possibly 2012_ given the European crisis and high unemployment.

“We will take the actions necessary to ensure stability and continued economic recovery,” Bernanke said. □



In this photo made June 7, 2010, traders William McNerney, center, and Stephen Guilfoyle work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange Monday, June 7, 2010.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Drop in energy stocks punctures early market rally

By TIM PARADIS,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The stock market had another late-day slide, this time because of fears that the Gulf oil spill will send BP into bankruptcy court.

The Dow Jones industrials, up more than 125 points at midday, closed down 41. Most selling came in the last hour, the third time in four days that stocks had a late-day drop.

Investors got a “sell” signal from a news report that quoted an analyst as saying BP could be forced to seek bankruptcy protection in about a month because of the oil spill. Analysts also said there were concerns that the company might have trouble paying its dividend.

Worries about potential fallout from a BP bankruptcy filing were enough to make investors shrug off reassuring words about the economy early in the day from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke. BP fell 15.8 percent and selling spread across the market.

The slide in energy stocks including BP and Anadarko Petroleum Corp., which dropped 18.6 percent, undercut the market’s upward momentum, said Peter Boockvar, equity strategist at Miller Tabak.

“The oil stocks are getting killed. They’re widely owned so anytime you see that kind of activity it makes people nervous,” Boockvar said. The drop came a day after the Dow climbed 123 points on easing concerns that the economy would fall back into recession. The confidence extended into the first part of trading Wednesday after Bernanke said debt problems in Europe might only amount to a “modest” drag on the U.S. economy if the financial markets can halt their slide.

He told the House Budget Committee that the economy is getting better but that jobs and housing are likely to remain weak. The enthusiasm over his testimony faded after speculation arose that BP wouldn’t be able to recover from the oil spill. □

SPORTS

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NBA Finals

Bryant, Fisher lead Lakers to victory in Game 3

JIMMY GOLEN

AP Sports Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Kobe Bryant scored 29 points and Derek Fisher added 16 to lead Los Angeles to a 91-84 victory over the Boston Celtics on Tuesday and give the Lakers a 2-1 lead in the NBA finals.

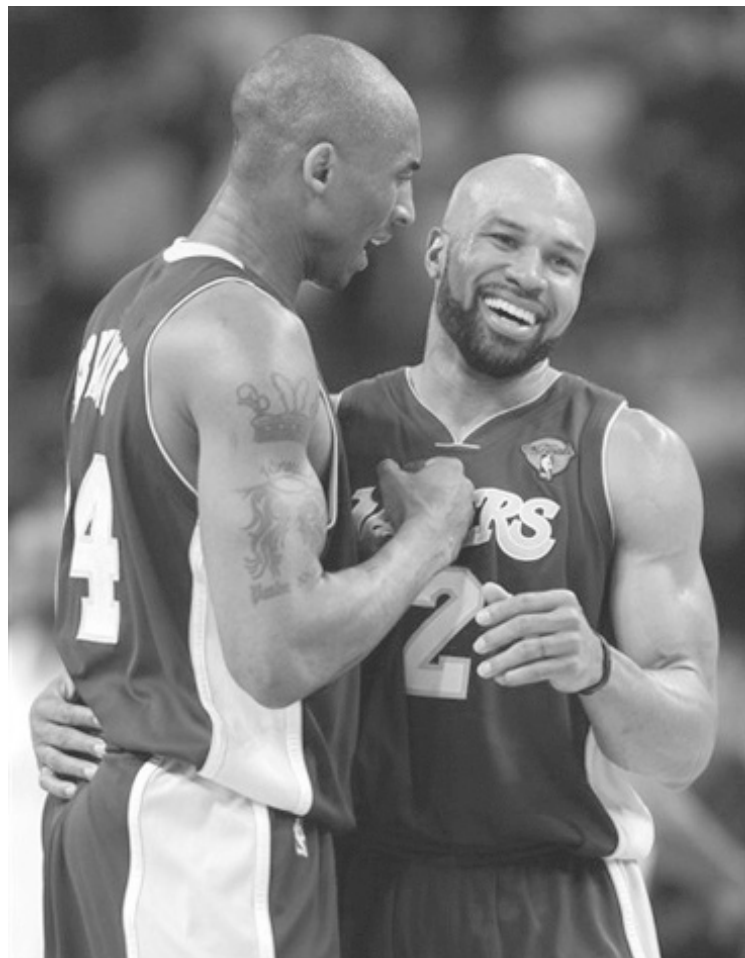
Bryant had 25 points after three quarters, but did not score for the first 10 minutes of the fourth. That's when Fisher took over, adding four key baskets after Boston narrowed a 17-point first-half lead to one point.

The Lakers regained home-court advantage they had lost when Boston took Game 2 in Los Angeles.

Game 4 is Thursday night in Boston.

Pau Gasol and Andrew Bynum had 10 rebounds each for Los Angeles.

Kevin Garnett, who had just six points in Boston's victory Sunday, made 25 in Game 3. But Ray Allen, who had 32 points in Game 2, missed all 13 field goal attempts.



Los Angeles Lakers guards Kobe Bryant, left, and Derek Fisher react during the fourth quarter in Game 3 of the NBA basketball finals against the Boston Celtics on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, in Boston.

Associated Press

"Derek Fisher was the difference in the game," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said.

"He's just a gutty, gritty player and he gutted the game out for them. I thought Kobe was struggling a little bit, and Fisher — he basically took the game over. ... I don't know what he had in the fourth quarter ... but most of them were down the stretch."

The Celtics had high hopes after splitting the opening two games in Los Angeles, but the "Beat L.A.!" chants at the TD Garden couldn't help them overcome poor shooting.

The Lakers led by as many as 17 points in the first half, but Boston cut the deficit to four late in the third quarter and then made it 68-67 early in the fourth on consecutive drives by Glen "Big Baby" Davis and Rajon Rondo. With a chance to take the lead, Allen was called for an offensive foul away from the ball.

Fisher drove for a layup at the other end that made it a three-

point game then scored four of the Lakers' next five baskets to give them a five-point lead with about 4½ minutes left.

"We just had to be poised and understand they're going to make a run, and we did that," Bryant said. "They made a push but they never fully got control of the game. We made big shots when we needed it." Bryant said his teammate was "just Derek being Derek. He makes big plays all the time. He never ceases to amaze me."

Lamar Odom had only five points in 21 minutes of the opener while battling foul trouble, and Game 2 was even more frustrating. He picked up three quick fouls there and was on the court for only 14½ minutes.

But he got off to a strong start, and was back on the court for the big finish.

"Well, he got going," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said. "He had a kiss shot that went in off the backboard."

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Tiger Woods to play in Ireland next month

LIMERICK, Ireland (AP) — Tiger Woods will make his first appearance outside of the United States this year when he plays in a charity pro-am in Ireland next month.

Woods has agreed to play in a two-day event organized by Irish racehorse owner JP McManus.

The 36-hole pro-am will be held at Adare Manor, which is a former Irish Open venue, on July 5-6, the start of the week before the British Open at St Andrews.

The last J.P. McManus pro-am in 2005 raised 30 million pounds (\$36 million) for nominated charities. □



Tiger Woods stretches his neck on the practice green before playing the first round of the Memorial golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club Thursday, June 3, 2010, in Dublin, Ohio.

Associated Press

Players union files complaint against NFL over TV deals

RACHEL COHEN

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL Players Association filed a complaint Wednesday alleging that the league deprived players of potential revenue when it re-negotiated its contracts with television networks.

The complaint said the league structured the contracts so it would be guaranteed money even if there is a lockout in 2011 while not maximizing revenue from the previous two seasons — when the NFL would have to share that income with players. The union says that violates a 17-year-old agreement between the two sides that the league must make good-faith efforts to maximize revenue.

An article posted on the union's website said it filed a complaint to the special master who oversees disputes between the two sides.

The current collective bargaining agreement expires in March, which could lead to a work stoppage during the 2011 season.

In a statement, the NFL noted that union executive director DeMaurice Smith said earlier this year: "My hat's off to Roger Goodell. Television is locked up until 2014 to the tune of about \$5 billion a year."

"The television contracts that the union attacked today were agreed to during the worst economy in our lifetimes," the statement said. "Far from failing to maximize revenue, the contracts grew league revenue to fund higher player salaries and benefits. ... The union's meritless charges, including many inaccuracies, will be addressed in the proper forum, but they are simply a distraction and do nothing to get us any closer to a new CBA." □

Nadal eases to first victory since French Open win

LONDON (AP) — French Open champion Rafael Nadal made a smooth adjustment from clay to grass Wednesday, beating Marcos Daniel in straight sets to reach the third round of the Queen's Club tournament.

The top-seeded Nadal, who captured his fifth Roland Garros title on Sunday, enjoyed the perfect start to his Wimbledon preparations with a 6-2, 6-2 victory under rainy London skies.

The Spaniard, who had a bye in the first round, was joined in the last 16 by second-seeded Novak Djokovic, who beat Italy's Paolo Lorenzi 6-3, 6-3, and No. 7 Sam Querrey, who knocked out fellow American Robby Ginepri 7-6 (4), 6-2.

No. 5 Marin Cilic of Croatia also advanced by beating France's Nicolas Mahut 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2.

It was Nadal's first match on grass since his epic five-set win over Roger Federer in the 2008 Wimbledon final. Nadal missed the grass-court season last year with knee problems.

Nadal, who beat Robin Soderling in the French Open final Sunday to supplant Federer at No. 1 in the rankings, looked comfortable on the grass against his 112th-ranked Brazilian opponent.

"It's difficult to adapt but I am happy to be back on grass, it is one of the surfaces I enjoy playing on," said Nadal, who faces Uzbekistan's Denis Istomin in the third round.

"After having the good results on grass ... I start to believe I can play well on this surface. So that makes me feel a little bit better mentally when I come back here. But at the same time, I need the time because I have to adapt, and that needs more days, I think."

Play was stopped by light rain with Nadal leading 2-1 in the second set, and he signed autographs as he left the court. When play resumed after a 14-minute delay, Nadal broke at love to

lead 4-2 when Daniel made a forehand error.

Djokovic struggled to gain the upper hand against Lorenzi, saving a break point in the opening game and then converting his only break point of the first set to lead 4-2. The Serb was also under pressure early in the second

set, fighting off three break points at 1-0 down before breaking for a 2-1 lead when Lorenzi netted a backhand volley.

Djokovic then had to survive two more break points before holding for 4-2, and a further break at 5-3 gave him victory



Rafael Nadal of Spain reacts after defeating Marcos Daniel of Brazil at the end of their second round tennis match at Queen's Club grass court championships in London, Wednesday, June 9, 2010. Nadal won by 6-2, 6-2.

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Detroit Tigers' Carlos Guillen (9) gets congratulations at home plate from Brandon Inge after Guillen hit a home run in the seventh inning of a baseball game Tuesday, June 8, 2010, in Chicago. The Tigers beat the Chicago White Sox 7-2.

Associated Press

The Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Brennan Boesch and Carlos Guillen hit back-to-back homers in a six-run seventh inning to lift the Detroit Tigers to a 7-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday.

Armando Galarraga, the centerpiece of a national story when a blown call against Cleveland last week spoiled a

perfect game, had a relatively uneventful night. He gave up a leadoff single to Juan Pierre in the first after being cheered on his way to the mound and allowed two runs and seven hits in five innings.

Brad Thomas (3-0) two scoreless innings for the win. Matt Thornton (2-3) took the loss.

Rays 9, Blue Jays 0

NBA FINALS

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That was kind of a gift from God to him for all that stuff he's been through in the series."

Last time Bryant was in Boston during the finals, he was helpless as none of his teammates stepped up in the Celtics' blowout victory in the clinching Game 6 of the 2008 series.

This time, the Lakers were at their best when he wasn't scoring.

Bryant had only two free throws in a 10-1 run that closed the first quarter, and contributed only one field goal in an 11-3 spurt to start that second that extended the Lakers' lead to 37-20.

They got a key contribution during the stretch from sporadically used Luke Walton, who entered in the first quarter when Ron Artest was in foul trouble.

"Everybody on this team is prepared to play," Odom said. "Everybody works hard, practices hard together, everybody's prepared."

For Boston, Allen missed all eight 3-pointers, all five 2-pointers and got to the line just twice. He was spared of matching the worst shooting performance in NBA finals history when Garnett was called for an offensive foul away from the ball in the final minute while Allen clanged another shot off the rim.

Baltimore's Chip Reiser missed all 14 shots in a 1948 finals game against Philadelphia, and Dennis Johnson was 0 for 14 for Seattle against Washington in 1978.

Garnett, who scored only six points in 24 foul-plagued minutes in Game 2, had that many in the first 75 seconds of Game 3.

AL Roundup

Detroit sweeps aside Chicago

At Florida, struggling slugger Carlos Pena homered twice and drove in five runs to back unbeaten Jeff Niemann's two-hit pitching as Tampa Bay beat Toronto.

Pena hit a solo shot off Brian Tallet (1-2) and a grand slam off Rommie Lewis, giving him three homers in his last two games as he tries to hit his way out of a season-long slump.

Niemann (6-0) didn't allow a runner past first base, limiting the Blue Jays to singles by Mike McCoy in the sixth inning and Adam Lind in the seventh en route to his third career shutout. Niemann, who walked one and struck out six, retired his last nine batters.

Evan Longoria and Willy Aybar drove in two runs apiece for the Rays, who have won 11 of 13 against the Blue Jays at Tropicana Field over the past two seasons.

Yankees 12, Orioles 7

At Baltimore, Curtis Granderson hit a grand slam, Nick Swisher homered and drove in five runs, and New York cruised past Baltimore. Mark Teixeira also connected for the Yankees, who led 6-0 in the third inning and used a six-run seventh to make it

12-3. Teixeira, who came in batting .211, went 3 for 4 with two walks.

New York is 9-1 against the Orioles this season. The Yankees have won 13 of their last 17 in Baltimore.

Baltimore is 1-3 under interim manager Juan Samuel and has been outscored 31-9 in the three defeats.

Phil Hughes (8-1) gave up three runs in six innings to earn his second victory over the Orioles in a week. His eight wins is tied for the AL lead and matches his career high.

Kevin Millwood (0-7) allowed six runs, 10 hits and five walks in 5 2-3 innings.

At Cleveland, Tim Wakefield bounced back from two rough outings and became Boston's career leader in innings pitched, leading the Red Sox over Cleveland.

Wakefield (2-4) gave up four hits and one earned run in 7 1-3 innings to reach 2,777 innings with Boston, one more than Roger Clemens worked in a Red Sox uniform.

The 43-year-old knuckleballer retired 15 in a row during one stretch and left after yielding a pinch-hit double to Travis Hafner. Daniel Bard worked

the ninth for his second save. Wakefield struck out six without a walk. Boston starters are 9-0 with a 0.75 ERA in their last 10 road games.

The Red Sox have won 17 of 20 against Cleveland since trailing the Indians 3-1 in the 2007 AL championship series, then rallying to win the AL pennant and the World Series. Boston got three unearned runs in the fourth off David Huff (2-7).

Rangers 7, Mariners 1

At Texas, Colby Lewis allowed four hits over seven innings and Vladimir Guerrero homered to help Texas beat Felix Hernandez.

Lewis (5-4) had lost four of his previous five decisions before getting back on track against Seattle. Elvis Andrus went 3 for 5 with two RBIs for Texas, who ended a two-game skid.

Guerrero's two-run shot in the seventh was his team-high 13th, stretching Texas' lead to 7-1 and chasing Hernandez (3-5), who went 19-5 and was the AL Cy Young Award runner-up in 2009.

Josh Hamilton had a two-run double in the first.

At Minnesota, Zack Greinke was hit hard again, and Kansas City never recovered from its first-inning deficit in a loss to Kevin Slowey and Minnesota.

Slowey (7-3) allowed three hits — none until the fifth. He tossed seven shutout innings, his first outing without an earned run in 39 starts since July 28, 2008.

Jason Kubel homered, and his two-run double in the first gave the Twins a 3-0 lead. Denard Span added a two-run single in the fourth. Matt Guerrier got one out for his first save after right fielder Michael Cuddyer dropped a routine fly ball and Jose Mijares gave up two unearned runs.

In other AL games it was, Boston 3, Cleveland 2; N.Y. Yankees 12, Baltimore 7; Tampa Bay 9, Toronto 0; Texas 7, Seattle 1; Detroit 7, Chicago White Sox 2; Minnesota 7, Kansas City 3; and Oakland 10, L.A. Angels 1.



Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers talks to players, including Rajon Rondo, left, Paul Pierce, center, and Ray Allen (20), during a timeout in the second quarter in Game 3 of the NBA basketball finals against the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday, June 8, 2010, in Boston.

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Rondo had Boston's next three baskets, and the Celtics were quickly up 12-5.

But the Lakers ran off eight straight points to go ahead, scoring 32 of the next 40 points to open a 37-20 lead with 9:10 left in the half.

Rondo, who had a triple-double in Game 3, finished with 11 points, eight assists and three rebounds. □

NL Roundup

Strasburg strikes out 14 in Nationals debut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stephen Strasburg exceeded expectations in his much-hyped major league debut, striking out 14 batters in seven innings to lead the Washington Nationals to a 5-2 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Tuesday. Last year's No. 1 overall draft pick allowed four hits, two earned runs and didn't walk a batter, piling up the most strikeouts in a debut since J.R. Richard fanned 15 for Houston in 1971.

The 21-year-old made one noticeable mistake, changeup hit by Delwyn Young into the first row in right field for a two-run homer in the fourth inning.

The homer gave the Pirates a 2-1 lead, but the Nationals put their rookie in position to win with three runs in the sixth. Adam Dunn hit a two-run homer, and Josh Willingham followed with a solo shot, allowing Strasburg to leave the game with a two-run lead. Ryan Zimmerman also homered for the Nationals,

another solo shot in the first inning. All three of Washington's home runs came off Pirates starter Jeff Karstens (1-2).

Mets 2, Padres 1

At New York, Ike Davis homered in the 11th inning and Mike Pelfrey turned in another terrific outing for New York, which won its ninth straight home game.

Davis started the 11th with a long drive into the second deck in right field off Edward Mujica (2-1) for his seventh homer. The rookie first baseman was mobbed by his teammates at home plate after New York's latest dramatic win at Citi Field.

Chase Headley had two hits for San Diego and Clayton Richard pitched seven strong innings.

Phillies 10, Marlins 8

At Philadelphia, Ben Francisco hit a two-run single with two outs in the eighth inning to help Philadelphia rally past Florida.

Brad Lidge pitched out of a

bases-loaded jam in the ninth for his third save in three tries. He retired Ronny Paulino on an infield popup to end it. Ryan Howard and Shane Victorino homered for the struggling Phillies, who scored more than three runs for just the third time in the last 16 games.

Giants 3, Reds 0

At Cincinnati, Matt Cain pitched a seven-hitter for his second shutout of the season and singled home a run in the eighth inning to help San Francisco pull away for a victory over Cincinnati.

Cain (5-4) subdued the NL's most prolific offense — Brandon Phillips had three of Cincinnati's hits — while going the distance for the third time this season. He has all of the Giants' complete games. Juan Uribe hit his ninth homer into the upper deck in left field off right-hander Sam LeCure (1-2). Slumping Bengie Molina and Cain added run-scoring singles in the eighth off Nick Masset.

Brajkovic leads Dauphine after winning time trial

SORGUES, France (AP) — Janez Brajkovic of Slovenia captured the overall lead from Alberto Contador at the Criterium du Dauphine on Wednesday by winning the individual time trial on the third stage. Brajkovic, a 26-year-old time-trial specialist who rides for RadioShack, lost precious seconds changing his bike midway through the stage but still won, clocking 1 hour, 1 minute, 51 seconds for the 30.5-mile trek from Montoux to Sorgues.

"This is a great victory for me," Brajkovic was quoted as saying on the race's website. He said the bike change, which

came after the one mid-level climb, made him "angry" and added about 30 seconds to his time. Two-time Tour de France winner Contador relinquished his overall lead after finishing sixth, 1:46 behind.

Britain's David Millar was second, 26 seconds behind, and Edvald Boasson Hagen of Norway was third, 43 seconds back.

Brajkovic has a 36-second lead over Millar in the overall standings, with Tejay Van Garderen of the United States in third — 50 seconds off the lead. Contador is fourth, 1:41 behind.

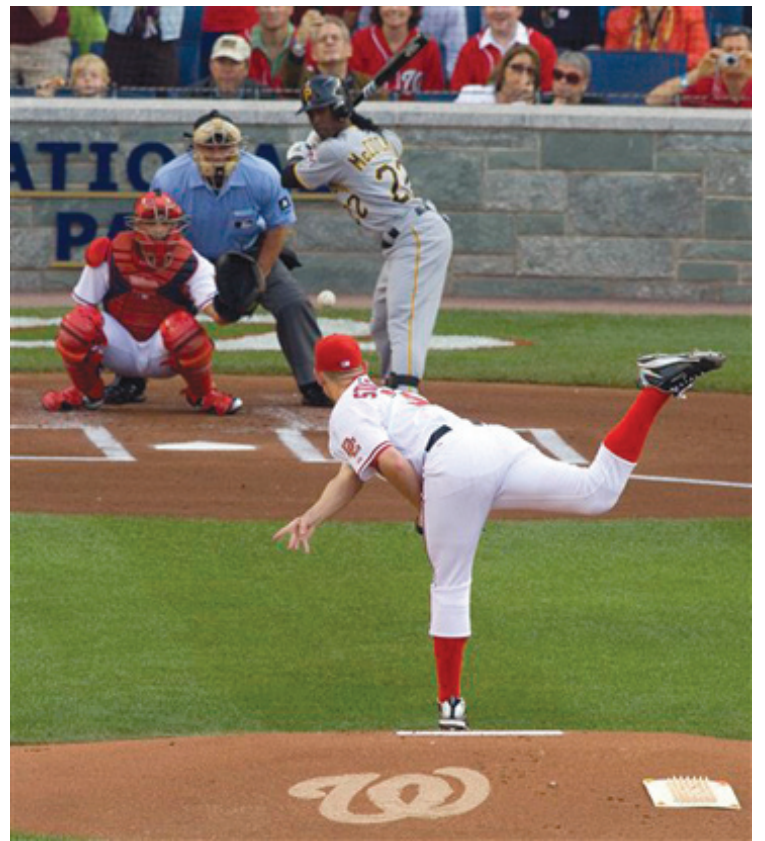
Thursday's fourth stage



Radio Shack's Janez Brajkovic, of Slovenia, pulls on the overall leader jersey on the podium after winning the fourth stage of the 62nd Dauphine Libere cycling race, a 49 kilometers individual time trial between Montoux and Sorgues, south eastern France, Wednesday, June 9, 2010.

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takes riders on a 130-mile course from Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux to Risoul that features an uphill finish. □



Washington Nationals starter Stephen Strasburg throws his first pitch in his major league debut, to Pittsburgh Pirates' Andrew McCutchen during a baseball game in Washington, Tuesday June 8, 2010.

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Astros 4, Rockies 3

At Denver, Carlos Lee had three hits, including a tie-breaking RBI single in the eighth inning, as Houston rallied from a three-run deficit to beat Colorado.

Colorado starter Jeff Francis left after seven innings with a 3-2 lead but the Rockies' bullpen could not protect it. Pinch-hitter Michael Bourn singled off Matt Belisle (1-2) to start the eighth. He went to second on a balk and advanced to third on Tommy Manzella's one-out infield single. Franklin Morales relieved and Lance Berkman reached on an RBI fielder's choice. Rafael

Betancourt relieved and Lee hit a broken-bat single to give the Astros their first lead.

Facing Cubs reliever Carlos Marmol with runners on second and third and the Brewers trailing by one, McGehee rolled a single up the middle to score Rickie Weeks and Prince Fielder.

In other NL games it was, Philadelphia 10, Florida 8; Washington 5, Pittsburgh 2; N.Y. Mets 2, San Diego 1, 11 innings; San Francisco 3, Cincinnati 0; Milwaukee 3, Chicago Cubs 2; Houston 4, Colorado 3; Atlanta 7, Arizona 5; and L.A. Dodgers 1, St. Louis 0. □

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It's herring time at Cafe the Plaza!

ORANJESTAD -This Friday will be an exceptionally good day at Cafe the Plaza in the Renaissance Marketplace: first there is the opening match of the World Cup Soccer Championships at 10 am and at 6 pm the first new herrings of the 2010 season can be sampled. Flown in from Holland, the new herring is always a traditional highlight in the culinary year. The raw fish is eaten in a special way: head back, mouth wide open and in slides the herring, accompanied with a few finely chopped onions. The delicacy is not for everyone, as it might be considered an acquired taste, so for the people who are not crazy about the raw herrings, there is another option: deep-fried 'kibbeling'. Two chefs will be frying up a storm outside on the terrace on Friday evening, when fish is the name of the game. Tony Marshall will be accompanying the festive herring evening in his unique, musical way, singing his repertoire of songs with a wink at Holland. There will be an extra bar outside and the atmosphere will be great as usual. Those guests who have not had the time to fill out the extensive World Cup poule will be too late to do so on Friday evening: betting stops at the starting signal of the opening match. For the winner of the poule there is AWG. 800,-- cash to be won; second place gets AWG. 400,-- and the third best guesser receives AWG. 200,--.

Hospital's health fair promotes healthy lifestyles

ORANJESTAD - Health is of essence for an entire community and particularly for the Aruba Hospital. Aruba Hospital Director Arnoud Boesten applauded the efforts of his staff to organize the Health Fair, aimed to elevate general understanding and awareness on everyone's responsibility and contribution to a healthy island.

The fair included display on the various services offered at the hospital, continuous efforts that come from within the hospital to promote health in Aruba.

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Holloway suspect targeted in sting, not arrested

By PETE YOST and JAY REEVES,
Associated Press Writers

WASHINGTON – The FBI thought it was closing in on Joran Van der Sloot in the notorious Natalee Holloway missing-teenager case, and he was paid \$25,000 in a sting operation. But when the agency delayed his arrest to help build a murder case, he took the money and headed for Peru, where authorities say he now has confessed to killing a different young woman. The investigation of van der Sloot in the Alabama teenager's case simply was not far enough along to have him arrested, the FBI and the U.S. attorney's office in Birmingham said Wednesday.

Federal law enforcement officials and a private investigator said the work on Holloway's disappearance was revived in April when van der Sloot reached out to someone close to Holloway's mother and requested \$250,000 in exchange for disclosing the location of the young woman's body on the island of Aruba.

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At Paseo Herencia for the screening at the Aruba Film Festival

MINE VAGANTI premieres on Aruba

Italian to its core



PALMBEACH—Last evening at the Paseo Herencia Mall, the Producer and Cast of the Aruba Film Festival Nominee from Mine Vaganti walked the red carpet for the press and VIP invites to review. After struggling with his last three films, Italo-Turkish director Ferzan Ozpetek is back on form with the breezy but passionate Loose Cannons, a likeable and commercially viable coming-out comedy set in Italy's Deep South. With its themes of family secrets, oddball character parts, bittersweet tone and sunny outlook, this is the easily the most Almodovar-esque of all Ozpetek's films. Italian to its core, the film will work especially on home ground, where it is set for release on March 12 through 01 Distribuzione. It may be

old hat in Hollywood, but Ozpetek proves that in other territories there is still plenty of mileage in the coming out story, not least because provincial attitudes lag well behind the urban norms. Unfortunately, however, this could mean that the mainly metropolitan audience for foreign language fare might view this as a sweet but rather dated curio that's a little too broad to be taken seriously. Set in Lecce, a sandstone city in the heel of the Italian boot, the film focuses on the extended Cantone family, who make pasta on an industrial scale. Within three minutes, Ozpetek's restless camera is circling a table of happy Italians eating their meal in the courtyard of a big old Pugliese house: youngest son Tommaso (Italy's current favourite romantic lead Riccardo Scamarcio) is just back from his studies in Rome, while serious elder brother Antonio (Preziosi) manages the pasta factory. Haughty mother Stefania (Savino), jovial

but over-demanding father Vincenzo (Fantastichini), wise grandmother Oma (Occhini), and eccentric, sexy Aunt Luciana (Ricci) complete the family portrait. But their prosperous contentment turns out to be a sham. The next day, Tommaso confesses to his brother that he harbors ambitions to be a writer and is studying literature in Rome rather than business. He also announces that he is gay. But that evening Tommaso is trumped when, just as he is about to announce his secret, Antonio steps in and drops his own bombshell – he himself is gay, and has been having an affair with a worker at the factory. Unbelieving and then incensed, patriarch Vincenzo casts Antonio out of the family nest, and then suffers a minor heart attack – at which point Tommaso is forced to put his own revelations on hold and step into the family business he's been trying all his life to get away from.

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Special friends honored at the Divi Phoenix Resort



ORANJESTAD - Recently at the Divi Phoenix Resort vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years.

Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of goodwill title.

The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the Divi Phoenix Resort they call their home away from home. Patricia & Patrick Joy from Pennsylvania and also Doreen Alston were honored as an distinguished visitor after visiting Aruba for more then 10 years .

Pictured: ATA Rep. Ricardo Croes together with honorees at the Divi Phoenix Resort

Holloway suspect targeted in sting, not arrested

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He got the money, and the private investigator says he was taped saying he pushed her down, she hit her head and died.

But the statement from the FBI and U.S. attorney's office said the law enforcement probe "was not sufficiently developed to bring charges prior to the time van der Sloot left Aruba."

Aruba authorities have been frustrated in their efforts to prosecute van der Sloot because they have been unable to find her remains or any evidence of a crime.

The federal officials said Wednesday that Holloway's mother contacted authorities in Alabama, and the FBI set a sting operation in motion targeting van der Sloot. He has since been charged in Alabama with trying to extort money from the family.

Some \$15,000 was wired to a bank account van der Sloot controlled, officials added.

Bo Dietl, a private investigator who has been working with an attorney for the Holloways, John Q. Kelly, said van der

Sloot received an additional \$10,000 in cash. He said that at a May 10 meeting in Aruba, Kelly offered van der Sloot \$25,000 upfront, with the rest to be delivered once the body was found.

"He said he pushed Natalee Holloway, her head hit a rock," Dietl said.

He said van der Sloot said the body was buried "near a construction site near their house." But the information proved to be false, said the private investigator.

Van der Sloot has told investigators in Aruba that he left the 18-year-old Holloway on a beach, drunk. For years, he has denied involvement in her disappearance.

Van der Sloot was the last person seen with Holloway before she vanished during a high school graduation trip to the Dutch Caribbean island on May 30, 2005. He was arrested but has been released twice because of a lack of evidence.

He is being held in Peru in connection with the May 30 killing of 21-year-old business student Stephany Flores, the daughter of a Peruvian circus

impresario and former race car driver. She was found beaten to death, her neck broken, in the 22-year-old Dutchman's hotel room. Police said the two met playing poker at a casino.

Peru's chief police spokesman, Col. Abel Gamarra, told The Associated Press on Monday that van der Sloot had confessed to killing Flores. However, a Dutch newspaper has quoted a family lawyer as saying the confession may have been coerced.

For five years, van der Sloot has remained the key suspect in Aruba for the disappearance of Holloway.

The federal criminal complaint in that case, filed in Birmingham, alleged an arrangement to pay the money for disclosing the location of Holloway's body. According to a sworn statement, van der Sloot got a partial payment of \$15,000 wired to a Netherlands bank soon after, but the complaint does not say where the money came from.

The U.S. government's involvement in the payment to van der Sloot was first reported by the New York Post.

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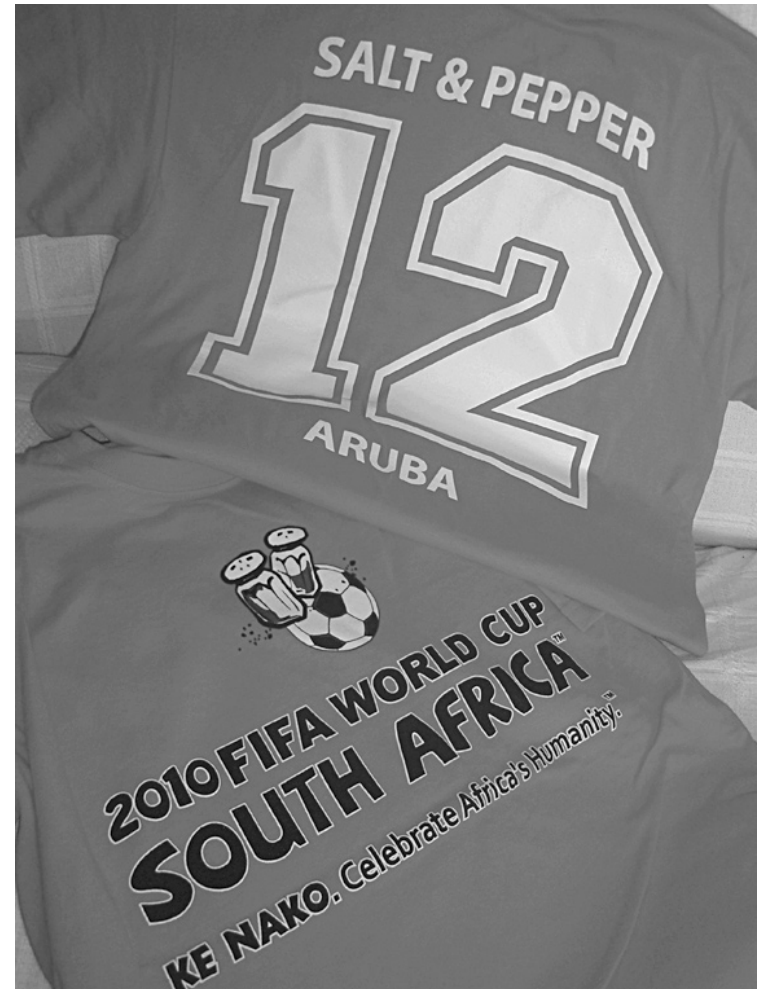
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Ozpetek has changed co-writers a few times recently, but in Ivan Cotroneo, he seems to have found a congenial spirit able to channel that mix of social comedy and social comment that the director has always favored but never quite nailed. Stories of unrequited love – including a sequence involving the grandmother – lend emotional heft, while Tommaso's attempts to teach his parents some modicum of tolerance while keeping his own secret under wraps provide some moments of comedy.

But the all-out laughs only kick in when Tommaso's boyfriend and three other gay friends turn up from Rome, and are sold to the townspeople by proud Vincenzo as 'lock up your daughters' lotharios.

There's a sense in Loose Cannons that Ozpetek, after experimenting with ever more lurid forms of melodrama, is moving towards a contemporary revival of the commedia all'italiana genre. Which can only be good for him – and for audiences. ☐

~ Photos by Julia Renfro ~

La Cabana Lends a Helping Hand to its Haitian Associates



EAGLE BEACH – A special committee was set up at La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club designed to organize fundraising activities benefiting Haitian associates with family members in need on that quake-stricken neighboring island. Miriam Courtar, Housekeeping Manager, felt the initiative would support associates struggling to help their family members

living in Haiti, post-disaster. The cash raised were deposited in a Community Fund, and was distributed this week to each of the 14 Haitian associates, so they could see how best help their kin. Two activities were held: the Carnival Jump-In featuring a raffle for a week-end stay and soup & sandwich sales. Additionally, on Aruba Flag & Anthem Day during the resort celebration, the dessert sale

helped generated some income, which was also divided. The donations were received with a sense of gratitude, as La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club really cares for its extended family members, beyond expectations, and in a very special way. Pictured here associates and members of management, distributing funds raised for a good cause. □



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ORANJESTAD - Café the Plaza is getting ready for a fantastic Soccer World Cup series. The popular café in the Renaissance Marketplace is already getting decked out in the colors orange, red, white and blue: the colors of the House of Orange and the Dutch national flag. A large group of soccer fans always lets its rowdy presence be known there during important matches and this year will

be no exception. The Dutch national team starts its World Cup series in South America on June 14 with an early morning match (early for Aruba) against Denmark. On June 19 the consecutive match against Japan takes place, also at 7.30 am; the third match in the poule is against strong Cameroon at 14.30 pm on June 24. A CD with the latest World Cup hits will be played during matches,

but old-time favorites can also be heard over and over again. A huge Balashi score board on the back wall of Café the Plaza shows the World Cup's progress. The customary game betting has already started: for AWG. 25,-- one can participate. The winner gets AWG. 800,--, second best gets AWG. 400,-- and the third prize is AWG. 200,--.

Café the Plaza will of course be open

for the two early morning matches on June 14 and 19. From 6.30 am on breakfast, sandwiches and snacks will be available. Hopefully the Dutch national team will continue to do well; expectations are high, in Holland as well as on Aruba. Café the Plaza's team is ready. Their slogan: if you haven't seen the Soccer World Cup matches at Café the Plaza, you haven't seen it at all! □

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Hospital's health fair promotes healthy lifestyles



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The Director however, felt it was important to highlight the advances in medical and health care. To many times these advances and positive achievements are lost in negative spirals, particularly



on costs of health care. The fact that only one hundred years ago, the world population was facing major threats from epidemics that killed by the millions is a world away from the possibilities many have nowadays.

Discovery of new medicine, treatments and development of new technologies have greatly contributed to the improvement of health of people around the globe. People are living longer and that is on its own is something positive, and is an achievement in particular of the medical field.

Yet, lifestyle of people is becoming a threat to public health. More and more it becomes clear that eating habits of people have become a health challenge, with diabetes and cardiovascular diseases as results, especially when it is combined with lack of physical activity.

The Health Fair is therefore geared to contribute to change the curve in Aruba. The hospital wants to contribute to a change in mentality in Aruba that could lead to a better choice in lifestyle. This will greatly benefit the person who decides to choose

a healthy way of living, but also the community that will see a reduction in the burden of medical costs.

John Fun who heads the F&B division of the hospital said the fair will become an annual event to increase awareness of the importance of a healthy lifestyle amongst the personnel. The hope is that by involving all hospital staffers, they will be able to spread the message to their families and friends. The fair which has duration of two weeks focuses on all levels, particularly on the eating habits. "The hospital has to be the place where people can copy a healthy way of living," Fun stated.

"And this entails healthy eating. The fair was a perfect opportunity to address this matter." For instance, the Food and Beverage department of the hospital focused on a new menu for the cafeteria, omitting popular yet greasy items. Fun said it was difficult to overhaul the entire menu, but eventually that will happen, he assured.

The menu modification is not just for the duration of the health fair. There will be additional items on the menu



that includes more greens, wraps and cold sandwiches, with less fat and salt. According to Mr. Fun, the changes will not have a drastic effect on the price per items. Eating healthy does not have to cost more, he emphasized.



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Mahi fillet and Sirloin steak where served by romantic candle light. The evening ended with a chocolate surprise and fresh fruit served with sorbet ice cream.

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Cancer wins may be bigger than they seem

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE,
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Doctors reported gains against nearly every form of cancer at a conference that ended this week. Yet when Will Thomas heard about an advance against prostate cancer, he wanted to know just one thing: “Is it a cure?”

“I see billions and billions done on research, and it’s all for treatment,” said the Alabama man who has several friends with the disease. “When will they cure it?”

Many people share his frustration. The top achievements reported at the American Society of Clinical Oncology added an average of just two to six months of life. One pricey drug made headlines merely for delaying the time until ovarian cancer got worse.

Progress has always been slow for cancer treatment. New therapies are tested on people who are so sick and out of options that any extension of life is considered a success. A cure is not usually possible. But some of the victories reported this week against breast and prostate cancer, leukemia and the deadly skin cancer called melanoma may be larger than they appear. These trends offer reason for optimism:

- Newer drugs seem to be making a bigger difference for small, specific groups of patients, as companies develop treatments that more precisely target genes behind subtypes of cancer.
- Pfizer Inc. rushed into late-stage testing one such drug: crizotinib, which is aimed at only 4 percent of lung cancer patients. More than 90 percent of them responded to the drug in initial tests. High response rates also have been reported for other novel drugs for

melanoma and breast cancer driven by certain genes.

The hope: Develop enough of these specialized treatments that eventually every cancer patient will have something that works.

- Quicker answers from smaller, focused studies. Pfizer’s test of crizotinib will need only 318 patients and will be finished early next year. It also will test the drug earlier in the course of illness rather than as a last-ditch option.

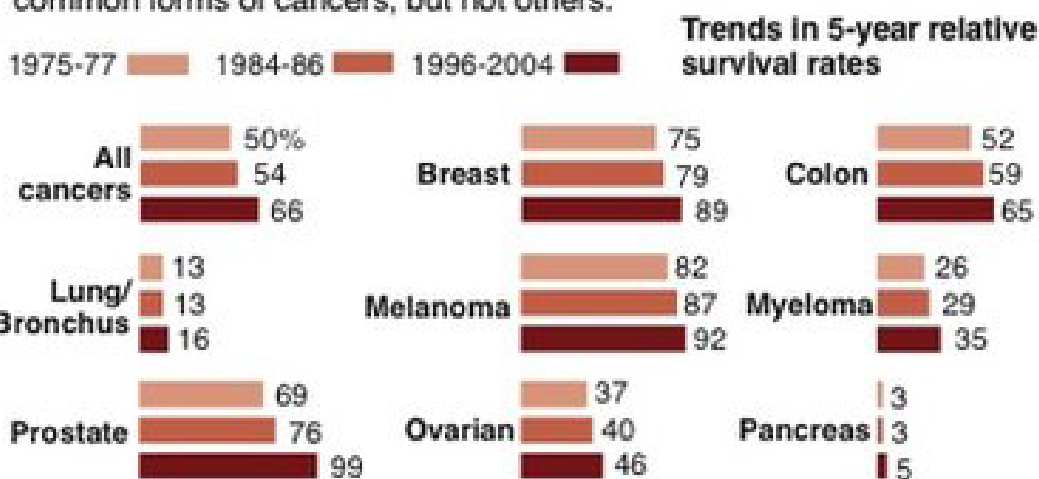
“You don’t really need big trials if it works so well,” and the group of patients who stand to benefit can be identified in advance, said Dr. Roy Herbst, lung cancer chief at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

- Big gains from novel combinations. All 66 patients testing a drug combo for the blood disease multiple myeloma saw a reduction in the amount of cancer they had by at least half. A 100 percent response rate is unheard of for any cancer and would not have occurred if two drugmakers had not teamed up to test their treatments together instead of against each other, said Dr. Paul Richardson of Boston’s Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, who led the research. The combo of Takeda Pharmaceutical Co.’s Velcade, Celgene Corp.’s Revlimid and the chemotherapy mainstay dexamethasone allowed more than half of patients to delay and perhaps avoid a bone marrow transplant — a harsh and risky treatment for the disease.

- Comparison tests of long-used treatments. For decades, men with cancer that has spread beyond the prostate have been given hormone treatments with or without radiation, yet only a few studies have tested these against each other or

Cancer survival improves by type

In 30 years, survival has improved markedly for some of the most common forms of cancers, but not others.



SOURCE: American Cancer Society

AP

Graphic highlights survival rates trends for various forms of cancers;

together. A Canadian study found that combo treatment extended survival an average of six months in high-risk cases, and the oncology society said it could become a new standard of care.

“We’re asking questions that should have been answered decades ago,” said Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, the American Cancer Society’s deputy chief medical officer.

- Building on success. Since it was approved in 2003, the Novartis drug Gleevec has been the closest thing to a cure for any cancer. It has transformed chronic myeloid leukemia from a nearly-always fatal disease to one now manageable with a daily pill.

Yet a second-generation drug from Novartis — Tassigna — and Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.’s Sprycel did even better than Gleevec as initial treatment for those who are newly diagnosed, studies found. Sprycel and Tassigna are used now only when people fail on Gleevec.

- New drugs from surprising sources. Eisai Inc.’s eribulin, derived from a sea sponge,

improved survival for women with advanced breast cancer and could fill some key treatment gaps.

It comes “at a time when many of us thought there weren’t new chemotherapy drugs being developed,” because of all the focus on gene-targeting drugs, said Dr. Eric Winer, breast cancer chief at Dana-Farber. “This may be one of

the last ones.”

- More hope that drugs for other conditions also can fight cancer. The Novartis bone-building drug Zometa improved survival for people with multiple myeloma in one study. Earlier research suggested it may help against breast cancer, and results of a definitive test of this are eagerly awaited. □

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DNA sweep reveals new autism genes



Teens with autism are seen at a school in Paris in 2003. A consortium of hundreds of scientists said Wednesday they had uncovered dozens of previously unknown genetic mutations that contribute to autism in children.

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PARIS (AFP) – A consortium of hundreds of scientists said Wednesday they had uncovered dozens of

previously unknown genetic mutations that contribute to autism in children.

Some of these rare DNA

glitches are inherited from parents. But many, the researchers discovered, arise for the first time in the person with autism.

“This suggests that tiny genetic errors may occur during formation of the parents’ eggs and sperm, and these variations are copied during creation of their child’s DNA,” said co-author Daniel Geschwind, a professor at the University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).

Autism and related brain disorders affect up to 10 out of every 1,000 individuals.

Symptoms are life-long and can vary widely, but often include impaired social skills, repetitive behaviours, difficulty in expressing one’s emotions, and an aversion to physical intimacy. There is no known cure.

Harnessing massive computing power spread across 60 institutes worldwide, researchers combed through the DNA of nearly 1,000 school-age kids with autism from the United States, Canada and Europe.

Over three years, they hunted

for stretches of genetic code that were either abnormally absent or duplicated, and that might give rise to some of the condition’s signature symptoms.

The results were compared to the genomes of some 1,300 children not suffering from the condition.

These missing or excess blocks of DNA showed up approximately 20 percent more frequently in the children with autism, according to the study, published in the British journal *Nature*.

The findings also confirm earlier reports from smaller samples that some youngsters carry so-called “private genetic mutations.”

“Every child showed a different disturbance in a different gene,” said Stanley Nelson, also at UCLA.

This uniqueness may make it more difficult to design drug therapies that work across a wide range of autistic spectrum disorders, the study said.

Despite the singular genetic profile, however, two categories of genes were affected more frequently than

others: those coding for the neural cell development, and those involved in the signalling or “communication” between cells.

Many of these same genes are thought to play a role in other neuro-development disorders. There may even be some overlap with conditions such as epilepsy and schizophrenia, the researchers said.

“These and other recent findings have very real potential to lead to the development of novel interventions and treatments for these disorder,” said Louise Gallagher, a professor at Trinity College Dublin, one of the universities in the consortium.

The study’s large sample size made it possible to pinpoint rare genetic variants that have gone detected in earlier studies.

Still, the findings only explain a small percentage of gene-caused autism, Nelson said.

“In order to identify all of autism’s genetic causes, we need tens of thousands of families to volunteer their DNA samples for sequencing,” he said. □

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Scientists use Calvin Klein cologne to lure jaguars



A jaguar looks from his cage at the Sofia city zoo, Bulgaria, January 22, 2005.

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GUATEMALA CITY (Reuters) – Biologists tracking jaguars in the Guatemalan jungle might smell nice but it’s all in the name of science, with researchers finding the Calvin Klein cologne Obsession for Men attracts big cats.

Biologists Rony Garcia and Jose Moreira from the Wildlife Conservation Society’s (WCS) Jaguar Conservation Program say they use hidden cameras as a primary source for observing and tracking

jaguars in the Guatemala’s Maya Biosphere Reserve.

But they also rely on Obsession for Men, a cologne known for its complex scent, to help lure then research and hopefully ultimately preserve jaguars in the Central American country.

“The method we are using to study the jaguars here in Guatemala is an invasive method which is based on photographing the individuals by using camera

traps,” Moreira told Reuters Television.

“It has been very useful using Obsession (for Men) to get the jaguars in front of these camera traps ... and that allows us to estimate with greater confidence the genders and the numbers that live in each studied site.”

The discovery that Obsession for Men acted as a magnet for jaguars was the result of an experiment by the WCS’s Bronx Zoo in New York.

The WCS was looking for ways to get cheetahs in front of camera traps, and, after several years of testing with different fragrances, found spraying the musky Obsession For Men near the heat-and-motion-sensitive cameras drew the cats for longer than other scents.

They also tried out about 23 other fragrances but Obsession for Men kept the cats’ attention for longest with Nina Ricci’s L’Air du Temps coming second. □



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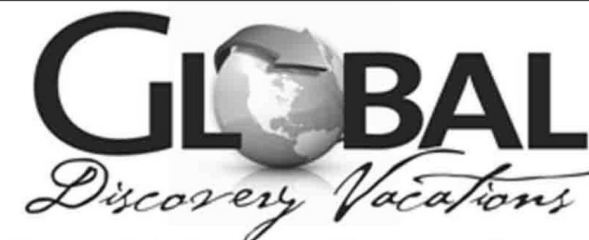
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Women shine in Tuesday's primaries, especially for the GOP

In the dozen states that held primaries Tuesday, female candidates not only did well but many of the women ran on a GOP ticket "which may help turn around that party's" reputation as a male bastion.

These ballot victories for women need to be noted, as Congress is still only 14 percent female while only 6 of 50 state governors are women.

Equality in politics has been slow-paced for women compared with other parts of American society. This year, for example, the nation passed an important milestone: For the first time in history, women outnumber men in the workplace. And that trend may only continue as colleges now enroll more women than men.

Voters, of course, don't always reward a female candidate for being a woman. Just ask Hillary Rodham Clinton, who lost the 2008 race to be a candidate for president.

And in heavily Democratic Massachusetts, a January contest for the Senate seat once held by Ted Kennedy went to a state GOP lawmaker, Scott Brown, over Martha Coakley, the state's attorney general.

While being female may often be an advantage in politics, more contests now also pit a woman against a woman. That will be the case this fall in California, where Barbara Boxer, the incumbent Democratic senator, will face a former Hewlett-Packard executive, Carly Fiorina, a Republican. At the least, such all-female contests can inspire more women to run for office.

Another potential boost for women may lie in this year's anti-incumbent mood of voters. Male lawmakers, just by their sheer dominance, are more vulnerable, while female candidates are often perceived as outsiders.

One coming race to watch along those lines is in Iowa: Roxanne Conlin won Tuesday's Democratic primary to run against five-term Republican Sen. Charles Grassley. Iowa has never elected a woman to the House or Senate.

And in the Democratic primary in Arkansas, incumbent Sen. Blanche Lincoln won a tough fight against a more liberal male opponent, perhaps in part by being a woman who stands up to Washington's male-dominated establishment.

The "outsider" role in this year's primaries has been played up big by Sarah Palin, the former Alaska governor, whose famous stump line is now "mama grizzlies, they rise up." Her endorsement of four female Republican candidates may have helped three of them win or proceed to a runoff. And by her association with the "tea party" movement, she has helped prevent that conservative group from being stamped as antiwoman. □

Is Obama at a Tipping Point?

David Paul Kuhn

Hurricane Katrina. Hostage crisis. Tet Offensive.

Is Barack Obama's presidency at a similar tipping point?

The relevance of the question exemplifies the gravity of Obama's crisis. Obama is learning the lesson of presidents before him. "Poor Ike," Harry Truman said of the incoming president, "it won't be a bit like the Army. He'll sit here and he'll say, 'Do this, do that,' and nothing will happen."

Presidents are hostage to events, goes the old political axiom. But that's a half-truth. Presidencies rise and fall far more by their response to great events than to the event itself.

"Presidents are ultimately judged by how they handle the unexpected," presidential historian Richard Norton Smith wrote in an email exchange. "JFK may have blown the Bay of Pigs but more than recovered a year later in Cuba. ... Just as he moved away from his cautious approach to civil rights as newspaper pictures and TV reports from Birmingham - the equivalent of today's unstopped pipe at the bottom of the Gulf -- made him realize that the presidency is, indeed, ultimately a place of moral leadership."

This issue comes down to presidential leadership. The British Petroleum crisis clearly placed Obama's presidency in crisis a couple weeks back. Yet the status quo endured. The media pile on ensued. Impressions solidified. This is what happens when the president does not meet the moment.

History tells us how it happens. Perceptions contrast with promises. The measure of the president appears smaller than the problems before him. Presidencies, subtly and at similar junctures, turn south for a long winter.

"The good presidents are able to basically survive these kinds of events, rarely are they able control of them. They find strong political and strategic responses," said Princeton political historian Julian Zelizer. "The bad presidents make the crisis seem greater than the presidency."

This turning point is often gradual. Not made by one event. And like all crossroads, clearest in the rear view mirror. But when the perception goes from good to bad on great events, the entire presidency goes bad.

Obama's leadership problem did not begin with BP. There was the coolness to Wall Street malfeasance. The sure victory of financial reform sidelined. The new New Deal that never was. The healthcare bill that came instead and in time, took hold of his presidency. The president seemingly aligned with all the big boogymen of the day -- big business and big government. The change agent personified the establishment. The post-partisan went to the mat for a hyper-partisan issue. The candidate who won his majority with the recession, focused his mandate elsewhere. The man who promised new politics partook in the ugly politics of

old, from healthcare's Cornhusker kickback to the Joe Sestak incident. And now, the competent candidate haunted by perceptions of incompetent presidential leadership.

Somewhere, along the way, was Obama's Bert Lance affair. Jimmy Carter's budget director was legally exonerated from a financial scandal. But the issue was ethics. Critical weeks passed. Amid Watergate's shadow, the candidate who ran on good ethics was now a president tainted by bad ethics.

The hostage crisis cemented what began with Lance. But it's also how the hostage crisis bled on. Like George H.W. Bush's recession. And like too many of Obama's crises. Healthcare bleeds for a year. The jobs crisis still bleeds. Now this oil crisis, bleeding past day 50.

And like the Lance affair, critical weeks have indeed passed. Political triage might be too late. The time with the victims too little. The president's emotive distance from the tragedy too great. The aloofness too constant. The expressions of anger and empathy too contrived. The crisis too far along.

FDR most famously took command of like times. His response to the crisis won the public -- and historic gains in the midterm elections -- despite the Great Depression languishing on. It was not the solution but the response. In Roosevelt, as Zelizer put it, "Americans saw someone from the White House doing as much as anyone could see possible. That's in contrast to the current administration on the oil spill and, many would say, on jobs."

Obama's effort to highlight his command has only underlined his failures. This week he told NBC that he talks to his experts "so I know whose ass to kick." It was like hearing Spock swear.

It was also reminiscent of Bill Clinton in 1995. "The president is still relevant here," Clinton said. But these things are true, of course, when they need not be said.

Obama is flailing. The feckless image haunts him. Meanwhile, from the Korean peninsula to Iran to fragile world markets, myriad potential crises loom.

Obama famously rode an historic wave to the White House. That wave turned on him long ago. But he never seemingly got off. Never succeeded against the tide. Never came close to turning the tide. This is when discipline appears timid, when stability appears stolid and cool appears cold.

Nothing is written. But it's not getting better. No end to the BP crisis is in sight.

And as Zelizer warned, "The public watches a president like they watch a TV-show character. Those perceptions set in and they are incredibly hard to change. That's why the oil spill is significant and the longer it goes on, the more feelings harden."

At some point, the bad show also goes on too long. Negative perceptions of the character are formed. That's the tipping point. And it's possible, but not necessarily probable, that Obama's point has already come to pass. □

Ecuador: no es obligatorio opinar disputa Perú-Chile

LIMA (Reuters) - El presidente ecuatoriano, Rafael Correa, dijo el miércoles que su país no tiene la obligación de responder a una notificación que le solicitó la Corte Internacional de La Haya para que opine sobre una disputa de límites marítimos entre Perú y Chile.

Correa, en una visita oficial de dos días a Lima, afirmó asimismo que las relaciones con Perú marchan por su mejor momento y suscribió con su colega peruano, Alan García, varios acuerdos de cooperación, entre ellos la “trascendental” conformación de embajadas y consulados binacionales.

Como parte de un proceso de la demanda presentada en el 2008 por Perú en contra de Chile en la corte de La Haya, ese tribunal pidió a Ecuador que opine sobre el tema pues figura en unos convenios firmados por los tres países en la década de 1950.

Perú dice que su límite marítimo con Chile no está definido aún, mientras que Santiago considera que el asunto se encuentra cerrado



El presidente de Ecuador, Rafael Correa, saluda a su llegada al palacio de Gobierno en Lima, jun 9 2010. REUTERS/Mariana Bazo

desde hace más de medio siglo, cuando ambos países firmaron dos acuerdos que Lima considera que son sólo pactos pesqueros.

“El tribunal (de La Haya) nos ha notificado a Ecuador y es voluntario si Ecuador responde o no a esa notificación”, dijo

Correa durante una ceremonia en el Palacio de Gobierno de Lima junto al mandatario peruano García.

Correa ratificó la postura de Perú respecto a que Lima y Quito no tienen problemas de límites marítimos ni territoriales y dijo que su país tampoco tiene un equipo de abogados enfocados en el diferendo en La Haya.

“Tal vez sería deseable que se ratifique en algún momento por escrito, pero en todo caso, si estos pasos se dan, nosotros no tenemos necesidad de responder a esa notificación” de La Haya, afirmó.

Chile y Perú han tenido altibajos en su relación tras una guerra que los enfrentó a fines del siglo XIX y en la que Lima perdió parte de sus territorios a manos de Santiago. □

Volcán ecuatoriano mantiene alta actividad eruptiva

QUITO (AP) - El volcán Tungurahua, en los Andes centrales de Ecuador, atraviesa por un período eruptivo alto con un promedio de cuatro a cinco explosiones por hora, informó el miércoles Instituto Geofísico.

Detalló en un comunicado que “se ha podido observar que las explosiones arrojan material incandescente que desciende por los flancos del volcán y que generan también columnas de ceniza de moderado tamaño y con una moderada cantidad de ese producto”.

Señaló que el coloso “mantiene una actividad catalogada como alta ... presenta un mayor número de explosiones, con un promedio de 4 a 5 explosiones de hora, valor un poco más alto a lo registrado en los días precedentes”.

El Instituto informó que se ha registrado la caída de ceniza en las poblaciones aledañas de Pillate, Bilbao, Cahuají, Quero y Mocha.

La semana pasada la incesante actividad eruptiva obligó a las autoridades a suspender el año lectivo en algunos establecimientos educativos además de disponer la evacuación nocturna obligatoria de cientos de familias que habitan cerca del Tungurahua. □

Dominicana: Pilotos denuncian deficiencias en control aéreo

SANTO DOMINGO (AP) - La Asociación Nacional de Pilotos (ANP) de República Dominicana exigió el miércoles investigar las presuntas deficiencias en el control aéreo, reportadas en un reciente informe oficial.

El presidente de la ANP, Pedro Domínguez, y un grupo de controladores aéreos demandaron en una conferencia de prensa que el Ejecutivo solicite a expertos internacionales analizar los informes sobre centenares de incidentes, a fin de evaluar la seguridad del espacio aéreo. Domínguez consideró como “alarmante” los 307 reportes registrados sólo en enero pasado por la gubernamental Unidad de Prevención de Incidentes del Servicio de Tránsito Aéreo, perteneciente al Instituto Dominicano de Aviación Civil (IDAC).

Detalló algunos procedimientos inapropiados, violaciones a los reglamentos, cruce de aeronaves y falta de coordinación del tráfico civil con la aviación militar.

El IDAC dijo en un comunicado que las denuncias son “infundadas” y afirmó que “la seguridad del espacio aéreo dominicano está totalmente garantizada”.

El director del Instituto, José Tomás Pérez, dijo el miércoles a la televisora CDN que “decirle al mundo que el espacio aéreo dominicano es inseguro y peligroso es una barbaridad”.

Advirtió que someterá a la Justicia a quien “haga este tipo de declaración infundada” y explicó que la denuncia de Domínguez pone bajo sospecha a los diferentes sectores de la aeronáutica en el país.

“Si por defender la seguridad del ciudadano, de nuestros pilotos y del turismo tenemos que ir (ante los tribunales, iremos cuantas veces quieran”, expresó.

La Asociación Dominicana de Controladores de Tránsito Aéreo minimizó en un desplegado de prensa los incidentes reportados por la Unidad de Prevención del IDAC.

“Los servicios de control de tránsito aéreo en nuestro país nunca antes habían sido tan seguros como ahora”, garantizó. Según el gremio, los incidentes reportados son “tan insignificantes” como los retrasos de aeronaves, los cambios o cancelaciones de plan de vuelo.

Con la denuncia de los pilotos y algunos controladores aéreos “todo el mundo sale afectado, se ven afectadas las líneas aéreas, los aeropuertos, los tour operadores”, insistió el director del IDAC. Cerca 4,5 millones de viajeros llegan cada año a República Dominicana, con una derrama económica para el sector turismo que representa el 13% del producto interno bruto del país. □

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